

TOWN OF MANSFIELD ■ FOUR CORNERS WATER AND SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT Special Meeting Minutes ■ April 17, 2014
Town Council Chambers

Members Present: Rawn (chair), Reich, Hart, Ryan, Raymond, J. Coite (representing T. Tussing)

Guests Present: Derek Dilaj, Weston & Sampson

Staff Present: Kaufman, Carrington

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by chair Rawn.

Approval of Minutes

January 8, 2014 Minutes – Reich motioned, Ryan seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed with Coite abstaining (not present at meeting).

March 4, 2014 Minutes- Ryan motioned, Reich seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Old Business

- a. **Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Planning.** Derek Dilaj of Weston and Sampson, the Town's sewer pump station design consultant, made a presentation on the status of the pump station and collection system design. A second pump station near Willard's is being evaluated. Hart noted that additional funds (approximately \$400K) will be needed for the construction design. These funds would be allocated from the FY 2013/2014 budget. The committee agreed to request the Town Council to allocate the funds at their next meeting. However, Raymond expressed concern that we were moving too quickly. Others felt that it was important to move quickly because there will be significant road paving cost savings by doing this at the same time as the water project. Also, if we do not go out to referendum in November we will have to wait until 2016 because generally we do not get enough voter turnout to pass a referendum during years without a national election. A public information meeting will be held in May and then again in July. Design plans and probable cost costs as well as draft language for a November referendum will be developed by August.
- b. **Mansfield Tomorrow.** Members discussed and provided feedback on the draft Future Land Use and Community Development Chapter for the Mansfield Tomorrow Plan. Raymond asked that the UConn Core Campus be defined and consistently used throughout the Mansfield Tomorrow Plan and the UConn Master Plan. Kaufman and Hart stated that they would work with UConn to develop this definition. Raymond asked that we clarify the statement on p. 18 "Storrs Center Design District as a prototype for Village Centers." She is does not feel that Storrs Center design is appropriate in other village centers. Kaufman and Hart stated that the goal is really to develop a design that fits with the area and to have a clear articulation of the design. This statement will be clarified. Kaufman asked that minor comments/corrections be forwarded via email and that the next meeting would be the last time to provide feedback prior to the official public comment period.
- c. **Community Update Meeting.** As discussed under water and wastewater infrastructure planning, a community update meeting will be scheduled for May 20th at 6 pm.

New Business

- a. **Committee Membership.** There are a few members who have not been able to attend meetings. Hart suggested the possibility of reducing the number of members to 9 so that the committee to reach a quorum more consistently. Members were supportive of this and suggested that it be reviewed by the Committee on Committees.

Correspondence and Meeting Reports

No updates.

Future Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for May 6th. Agenda items include planning the Community Update meeting for May 20th and final comments on the Mansfield Tomorrow Plan.

Adjournment

Rawn adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Kaufman
Natural Resources and Sustainability Coordinator